
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5550

AN ACT PROVIDING FEDERAL PROBATION OFFICERS WITH ACCESS TO FIREARM DATA REGARDING PROBATIONERS.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows U.S. Probation Office employees performing their duties to access the names and addresses of people issued (1) permits for the retail sale of handguns (pistols or revolvers), (2) state or temporary state permits to carry a handgun, (3) eligibility certificates to possess a handgun, or (5) certificates for possession of an assault weapon.

Current law allows disclosure of this information only to (1) law enforcement officials performing their duties, (2) a person selling a handgun when necessary to verify a permit or eligibility certificate is valid, and (3) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services when related to someone subject to a commitment order for psychiatric disabilities.

With exceptions, the law requires a permit to carry or sell at retail and an eligibility certificate to possess handguns. Possession of assault weapons is generally banned except for people who obtained a certificate of possession as of a certain date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 45 Nay 0 (04/02/2012)